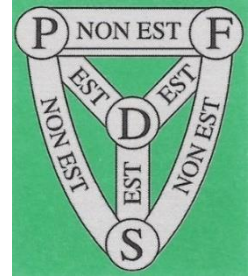


Trinity Parish News

December 2024 and January 2025



FROM THE PARISH HALL

Since the last newsletter, the Parish has enjoyed another very successful fundraising coffee morning in aid of the Royal British Legion. The total sum raised at the coffee morning was £2,367.90. Combined with money donated for the metal poppy pins and the collection at Trinity Church on Remembrance Sunday, I am delighted that we have been able to send the sum of £3,723.70 to the Jersey Branch of the Royal British Legion. Thank you to all the local businesses who donated to the coffee morning and, of course, to all parishioners who attended or contributed in any way during the course of the appeal and the Remembrance commemorations.

November was also a very special month for Trinity's WI. At the beginning of the month members celebrated Trinity WI's 75th anniversary with a party in the Parish Hall. It certainly was a party as my office is adjacent to the Hall! The WI is also making arrangements to plant a commemorative tree in the Queen's Canopy Wood. Congratulations to all involved.

At the beginning of January we will enter a new rates year. I encourage all ratepayers to deal with their rates online where possible. The administration and postage costs to the office regarding rates are large and these can be reduced if ratepayers are able to go online.

Finally, in my own name and on behalf of all members of the Municipality and Parish staff, I send the warmest of wishes to all parishioners and their respective families for a restful Christmas and peaceful 2025.

Wishing a Happy Christmas to all,

Philip Le Sueur, Connétable

FROM THE RECTORY

In this December newsletter, may I first and foremost wish you and all your family a Happy Christmas and a New Year full of hope. Many of us looking to the wider world see it to be an increasingly troubled environment, with more wars and political upheaval than for a long time. But the lights that shine from our Christmas trees and in the windows of our homes remind us that Jesus said he is the Light of the World (John 8.12). This is the light that shines no matter how dark things get, the light which the darkness can neither comprehend nor

extinguish, even when it thought it had done its worst on Good Friday. So, this Christmas light a candle, take a few minutes to bask in its flickering glow and be reminded that God loved you so much that he dared to come into our world in the form of a helpless baby. He made himself utterly vulnerable, to show us that we don't have to do anything to earn His love: it is freely offered, so invite that light into your heart.

I am sure you will want to treat your loved ones this Christmas, but please also reach out to those in need by making up a simple gift box of practical treats (e.g. a warm hat, a book, sweets and goodies). Come the weekend before Christmas, leave it by the manger in the Parish Church, and we'll pass it forward to the Shelter Trust a few days before Christmas. Thank you.

There are some wonderful services across our Island Churches this December. At your Parish Church you are invited to all and any of these additional Christmas Services:

1 December at 9.30 am: Christingle Service (40 minutes of fun for the children).

1 December at 6 pm: Advent Carols led by Trinity Church Choir.

Thursday 19 December at 6 pm: A Nativity Journey for the Children.

Meet in the Parish Hall car park, bring a torch and wrap up warm.

Sunday 22 December at 6 pm: Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Christmas Eve at 11.30 pm: 'Midnight Mass'.

Christmas Day at 10.30 am: Christmas Nativity and Holy Communion.

****PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER THAN USUAL START ON CHRISTMAS DAY****

With every blessing,

Geoff, Rector of Trinity

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER: May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Mary and Joseph, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas. Amen.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT EBENEZER

Sunday 15 December: Our annual 'Pantivity' service with Rev. Dawn Saunders at 10.30 am when our Pickles families also join us for this special children's service.

Sunday 22 December: Traditional Carol Service, 10.30 am, Rev. Keith Sandow.

PARISH ASSEMBLY – Thursday 12 December at 7 pm – Parish Assembly to elect two Rates Assessors and presentations for the Honorary Police.

DEPUTIES' SURGERY AT THE PARISH HALL – 12 December, 6 pm to 7.30 pm.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON - SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER AT 4.30 PM

Parishioners, young and old, are invited to come to see our 2024 lights switched on at the Parish Hall. A special visitor will hopefully appear around 5pm, accompanied by Jersey Round Table, collecting for the Jersey Christmas Appeal. Any donations will be very greatly appreciated.

ELECTORAL REGISTER FORMS: Please remember to complete online or return to the Parish Hall.

SENIOR CITIZENS – TRINITY 3 IN 1 CLUB

2 January 2025 - No meeting this month.

6 February 2025 - **45th Anniversary Celebrations** at the Parish Hall. 1 pm to 4.15 pm, with lunch being served at 1.15 pm. Booking essential by 24 January.

New members are most welcome to join us in 2025. Contact our Club Social Secretary, Karen Shatford, at the Parish Office on 865345 for more information.

TRINITY WI

7 January 2025: Talk from Peter Le Rossignol at the Parish Hall at 2.30 pm.

4 February 2025: Craft Afternoon with Daphne Romeril at 2.30 pm.

New members are always welcome. Please contact Jean Cadin on 863380.

JANUARY SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Sunday 5 January: Epiphany Sung Eucharist at 11 am.

Sunday 12 January: Plough Sunday Service at 11 am.

DOG LICENCE RENEWALS: Renewals for 2025 can only be made from 2 January 2025 onwards. In 2025 please visit: <https://doglicences.je/> for further information.

TRINITY COMMUNITY SUPPORT TEAM is here to help anyone in the Parish who needs it. It is a small group of volunteers who respond to anyone who contacts them in need of assistance, such as help with shopping or around the house, transport to a medical appointment or to have a friendly chat. If you would like to find out more please call the Parish Office on 865345. Volunteers are also needed. It is very rewarding and can take up whatever time you can spare.

EBENEZER COMMUNITY OUTREACH WORK

We have space for more senior folk if you would like to join our Generations Sessions. They are monthly on Friday afternoons from 2.45 pm to 4.30 pm, next meeting on 6 December 2024. See our website and Facebook page Ebenezer Methodist Church Jersey for details on all our church services and community activities. For details of 2025 dates contact us on picklesplaygroup@gmail.com

RJA&HS INDOOR TABLE TOP SALES

Saturday 25 January and Saturday 1 February 2025: 8.30 am to 1 pm, in the Main Hall and New Arena, Royal Jersey Showground. £10 per pitch. Please contact Rachelle on 860648 or rachelle@royaljersey.co.uk to book a pitch.

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Catholic Community: tel. 720235

USEFUL WEBSITES

For Trinity Parish Matters, including dog licences and driving licence downloadable forms and forthcoming events: parishoftrinity.je

For Trinity Parish Church: trinitychurchjersey.com

For Ebenezer Methodist Church: ebenezerjersey.org/

For Roman Catholic Services: catholicchurch.org.je

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Monday 23 December and Tuesday 24 December collected as normal.

Monday 30 December and Tuesday 31 December collected as normal.

GLASS & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Thursday 26 December collected on Friday 27 December.

Friday 27 December collected on Saturday 28 December.

Then Thursday 23 and Friday 24 January 2025 and Thursday 27 and Friday 28 February 2025. **All refuse, recycling and glass out before 5 am please.**

PARISH HALL OFFICE OPENING HOURS: Monday to Friday: 9 am to 1 pm;

Thursday evenings: 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm; **Christmas Closure:** The Parish Hall closes on Tues 24 December at 12 pm. Re-opens on Thurs 2 January at 9 am.

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